

# DIESEL EMISSION INSPECTION EXEMPTION 'FARMER' & 'FARM USE' TAGS - REGULATION

**13:20-26.17 Compliance with diesel emission standards, equipment requirements, and test procedures; periodic inspection program for diesel emissions; self-inspection; exempt vehicles.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in P.L. 1995, c.157, heavy-duty diesel trucks, as defined by that Act, operating in New Jersey shall be subject to applicable diesel emission standards established by the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, an examination of the muffler and diesel emission control apparatus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, and diesel test procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.

(b) On or after July 1, 1998, the owner or lessee of a heavy-duty diesel truck, as defined in P.L. 1995, c.157 and registered in this State, shall submit proof to the Division that the vehicle has, within 90 days after the date of registration or renewal thereof, complied with the requirements for periodic inspection. Compliance with the requirements for periodic inspection shall mean that the vehicle has been tested for opacity at a diesel emission inspection center licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-47 and that the vehicle has successfully passed a test procedure for opacity as set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.

(c) Certification of self-inspection pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-26.11 and 26.13 is a representation by the owner or lessee of any heavy-duty diesel truck that, at a minimum, the diesel vehicle is in compliance with the DEP emission standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, all applicable requirements regarding the muffler and emission control apparatus, and that the diesel vehicle can successfully pass the test procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4. On or after July 1, 1998, any certification of self-inspection shall require compliance with the requirements of (b) above.

(d) The following motor vehicles, some of which may be subject to inspection under other provisions of law or regulation, shall be exempt from the periodic diesel emission inspection requirements of this subchapter:

1. Diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:8-60, that are registered as contractor equipment in-transit vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-30;

2. Heavy-duty diesel trucks and other diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:8-60, which are designed for farming purposes and registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-24 or 39:3-25; and

3. Heavy-duty diesel trucks and other diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in P.L. 1995, c.157, which are owned and operated by a county, municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization and used for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes.

# NJ STATUTE DEFINITIONS FOR DIESEL EMISSION EXEMPTION

## 39:8-60. Definitions

As used in this act:

"Diesel bus" means any diesel-powered autobus or motorbus of any size or configuration, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, that is designed or used for intrastate or interstate transportation of passengers for hire or otherwise on a public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, and shall include, but need not be limited to: autobuses under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation pursuant to Titles 27 or 48 of the Revised Statutes; autobuses of the New Jersey Transit Corporation and its contract carriers that are under the inspection jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation; autobuses that are subject to federal motor carrier safety regulations; autobuses under the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency; school buses, as defined pursuant to R.S. 39:1-1; hotel, casino, charter, and special buses; and any other diesel-powered autobus or motorbus as determined by rule or regulation adopted by the Division of Motor Vehicles in consultation with the Department of Transportation;

\* "Diesel-powered motor vehicle" means a vehicle, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, that is self-propelled by a compression ignition type of internal combustion engine using diesel fuel and that (1) is designed or used for transporting persons or property on any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, (2) is greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, (3) is not a diesel bus or heavy-duty diesel truck, and (4) is not a heavy-duty diesel truck or other diesel-powered motor vehicle owned and operated by a county, municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes. Diesel-powered motor vehicle shall also mean a vehicle that is designed or used for construction or farming purposes and is greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, except that the Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, may exempt from the requirements of this act diesel-powered motor vehicles that are registered as construction vehicles under Titles 39 and 41 of the Revised Statutes or that are greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight and are designed or used for construction or farming purposes;

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles;

"Division" means the Division of Motor Vehicles;

"EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

"Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single or combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a combination (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating" or "GCWR," is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

\* "Heavy-duty diesel truck" means any diesel-powered motor vehicle, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, with a GVWR of 18,000 or more pounds that is designed or used for the transporting of property on any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State. Heavy-duty diesel truck shall not mean a heavy-duty diesel truck owned and operated by a county, municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes;

"Periodic inspection program" or "periodic inspection" means a program in which diesel buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, and other diesel-powered motor vehicles registered in this State are periodically inspected in accordance with the provisions of this act;

"Person" means a corporation, company, association, society, firm, partnership, or joint stock company, or an individual, and shall also include the State and all of its political subdivisions and any agencies, authorities, corporations, or instrumentalities of the State or any political subdivision thereof; and

"Roadside enforcement program" or "roadside inspection" means a roadside examination program conducted pursuant to this act for the inspection of exhaust emissions, emission control apparatus and such other items as the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Transportation, prescribes, of diesel buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, and other diesel-powered motor vehicles along any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State or at such other locations as may be designated by the director in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation.